



COLORS AND SHAPES

This Read Together Kit contains stories that are fun to share with one or many children. Combine these stories with any of the suggested songs and rhymes to create a colors and shapes-themed storytime.

Titles in this kit include:

Toddler and older:

- *Blocks* by Irene Dickson
- *Counting Ovejas* by Sarah Weeks

Preschool and older:

- *City Shapes* by Diana Murray
- *My Colors, My World/Mis colores, mi mundo* by Maya Christina Gonzalez,
- *Red, Yellow, Blue, and a Dash of White, Too!* by C. G. Esperanza
- *Round Is a Mooncake* by Roseanne Thong

Early Learning Ideas:

- Do a color search! Look at and name a color and then see if you can find it inside or outside. For older children, see if you can find a color that is hard to identify and learn its name. Learning color names helps to build a child's vocabulary.
- Build a child's language skills by talking about the different shades of colors. For example, can you describe how broccoli and celery are different colors of green?
- Learning shapes is an important pre-reading skill. Children learn letters by recognizing them first by their shape. The shape of a letter helps a child to determine how it is alike and different from other letters. When a child learns the difference between a square and a circle, for example, it is easier to see the difference between the letter "H" and the letter "C."
- When playing outside, see what kinds of shapes you can make from sticks, rocks, or other objects on the ground. You can also draw shapes with chalk and cover the line with objects that you find. You can even create a game where you name the shapes as you hop on them.

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Storytime Songs and Rhymes:

I Can Make a Circle

I can make a circle, a circle, a circle

I can make a circle, would you like to see? (bring hands together in shape of a circle)

Here is my circle, my circle, my circle

Here is my circle, it is pretty neat!

Repeat with triangle and square

Watch a video of this song: go to the WCCLS Birth2Six YouTube channel and search for "I Can Make a Circle"

If You're Wearing Red Today (tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb)

If you're wearing red today, red today, red today.

If you're wearing red today,

Please stand up! (twirl, twirl, twirl)

If you're wearing green today...

Watch a video of this song: <https://kcls.org/content/if-youre-wearing-red-today/>

I Eat a Rainbow Every Day (tune: Pop Goes the Weasel)

I eat a rainbow every day, foods of many colors

Can you name a red food?

And can you name another?

Repeat with another color

Globos (Spanish)

Globos, globos, globos

De lindos colores

Rojos, y amarillos, azules, y verdes

Globos, globos, globos

De lindos colores

Me gusta mirarlos

Ya van a bailar

Watch a video of this song: go to the mindymarissa YouTube channel and search for "Globos"

Tu-pak-e man Khaal Khaal-eest/Polka Dot Ball (Dari)

Watch a video of this song: <https://www.bpl.bc.ca/kids/embracing-diversity/songs-and-rhymes/dari#polka>